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Re: Butterfly Lake Trail Repairs
Nancy Lake State Recreation Area

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Director's Office of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation has recently received an application to repair the Butterfly Lake Trail and the division would like to hear your input.

An authorization to allow trail repair activities to occur in the park may be issued under permitting authorities in Chapter 18 of the Alaska Administrative Code (Special Park Use Permits).

<u>Proposed Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Management Plan</u>
Repair the Butterfly Lake Trail to facilitate public use and meet agency standards	Nancy Lake State Recreation Area	Management Plan for Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, 1984; and 2013 Draft Plan (http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/units/nancylk/planning.htm AND http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/plans/nancylake/nancylakeplan83.htm)

The proposed project will make repairs to sections of the approximately 1.8 mile trail between the Midnight Sun Church Camp and Butterfly Lake.

If a park use permit is issued to authorize repairs to the Butterfly Lake Trail, the state will require that those repairs adhere to sustainable standards. A Sustainable Trail is most simply defined as a trail that conforms to its terrain and environment, is capable of handling its intended use without serious degradation, and requires minimal maintenance. Further information on the Sustainable Trail Framework, trail classifications and design parameters can be found in the *Alaska State Parks Trail Management Handbook* at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aktrails/aktrailmgthndbk2015.pdf>.

You are invited to submit comments regarding this proposed activity.

According to 11 AAC 18.025 (c), the director may issue a permit if he or she determines that the following conditions have been met:

1. Park facilities and natural and cultural resources will not be adversely affected;
2. The state park is protected from pollution;
3. Public use values of the state park will be maintained and protected; and,
4. The public safety, health, and welfare will not be adversely affected.

What other considerations should the division evaluate with regard to this type of activity in this park?

Considerations could include the following examples: timeframe, trail classification, designed use, potential conflicts or construction methods.

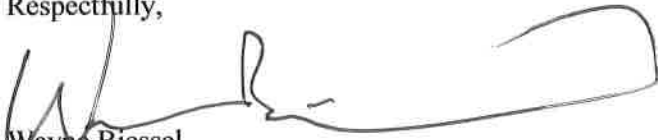
Please submit questions or comments by regular mail or email to:

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In order to be considered, comments must be received by **5:00PM Monday, July 6, 2015.**

You need not respond if you do not have any recommendations. The purpose of this notice is to gather input before the director makes a determination on whether or not to authorize the issuance of a park use permit to make repairs to the Butterfly Lake Trail within Nancy Lake State Recreation Area.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Wayne Biessel', written over a horizontal line.

Wayne Biessel
Mat-Su /Copper Basin Area Park Superintendent